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The most effective alternative to punishment for violent or disruptive student behavior is to provide children with tools they will need for living peacefully with one another. This guide for elementary school classes examines ways in which a peaceful environment can be achieved and maintained in the classroom. Divided into six units which are geared toward this goal, the guide covers: (1) importance of individualism and the acceptance of others; (2) importance of friendships; (3) improving communication skills; (4) understanding and controlling emotions; (5) conflict resolution; and (6) peacekeeping including ideas for a school-wide peace festival. Approaching these topics through the use of activities, the guide provides objectives, age levels, needed materials, directions, drawings and charts, ways the activities can be expanded, and discussion questions for each unit. An appendix contains extra copies of materials needed for certain activities. (EB)

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